

Arsenal Worker Dies of Acid Burns

Lloyd Jones, 41, of Greenup, Ill., one of two acid handlers who suffered severe acid burns Wednesday night while unloading a tank car at the Kankakee unit of Joliet Arsenal, died early Thursday in Silver Cross hospital.

The other Arsenal employee, Robert Dunn, 24, also of Greenup, was reported in fair condition Thursday noon at Silver Cross. He has second and third degree burns to both arms, his face, chest, back and both legs.

JONES, THE FATHER of a five year old boy, and an overseas veteran of World War II, died of complications from the third degree burns which covered 70 per cent of his body.

He had been employed at the Arsenal since May 15, this year, and was temporarily living at Wilmington. Dunn lives in Kankakee.

According to Arsenal officials, the acid spill which caused the burns on the two men, occurred at 5:55 p. m. while they were unloading a tank car of mixed acid. They were given first aid at the Kankakee unit hospital and then rushed to Silver Cross hospital in the Arsenal ambulance.

THE ACCIDENT occurred while men were attempting to connect the acid tank car to an unloading line.

An investigation was being made by the U. S. Rubber Co., operating contractors at the plant, and the U. S. Army personnel.

The inquest into the death of Mr. Jones is pending the release of Dunn from the hospital, according to Coroner Willard A. Blood.

A native of Hicalgo, Ill., in Jasper county, Jones was born on Aug. 23, 1911 and would have observed his 42nd birthday this summer.

HE SERVED WITH the army from August, 1943, to February, 1946, and saw overseas duty in the European Theater of Operations as a medical technician.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Jones is survived by his widow, Thelma, and a son, Jimmy, 5, both of Greenup; a sister, Miss Sarah Jones, of Casey, Ill.; two half-brothers, Oscar Chapman, of Detroit, Mich., and Othello Chapman, of Chicago, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Charles L. (Flavia) Martin of Ontario, Canada, and Mrs. Melvin (Bessie) Gipson, of Casey, Ill.

THE BODY WAS to be moved Thursday from the Blood and Grant funeral home to the Charles Hiles funeral home, Greenup. Funeral arrangements are incomplete but will be held in Mr. Jones former home town.